These States are in the process of formulating and notifying their rules and procedures for implementation of these amendments. Out of the remaining States, ten States have initiated administrative action for implementing the reforms.

(d) Some modifications have been incorporated in the Operational Guidelines of the Central Sector Scheme, Development/Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization on the basis of the requests/suggestions received from the State Governments. Under the modified guidelines, State Agencies will now have the option to invest their own funds in lieu of the bank loan. There will be no need of a joint inspection with the Naitonal Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) authorities for Infrastructure projects having total financial outlays of less than Rs. 10.00 lakh and the subsidy in such cases will be released in a single instalment. The quantum of subsidy for the projects in Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir has been up-scaled to 33.33% of the capital cost with an upper ceiling of Rs. 60 lakh, which was earlier provided for the projects in North Eastern States. The above modified norms have made the scheme more attractive in the above said three States and have also created a scope for development/strengthening of marketing infrastructure and wholesale/rural markets in all the notified States through the State Agencies and private investors. State Agency Projects for assistance have been received from Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan. As far as credit linked projects of private investors/other agencies are concerned, as on 11.12.2006, 1161 projects involving a total investment of Rs. 304.73 crore with total eligible subsidy of Rs. 50.33 crore have been sanctioned under the Scheme in seven States.

Rajasthan's share In milk production

†2595. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Rajasthan in total production of milk in the country;

(b) the per capita availability of milk in Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana; and

(c) the details of the milk production under the White Revolution Scheme of the Central Government during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) During 2005-06, the percentage of Rajasthan in total production of milk in the country was 8.98%.

(b) The per capita availability of milk in Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana are as follows:

State	Per Capita Availability (gm. Per day)
Rajasthan	387
Punjab	943
Haryana	628

(c) During the last three years, no such scheme is in operation.

Rice and Wheat production

2596. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice and wheat produced during the years 2002-03, 2003-2004, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) whether this quantity falls short of the targets in each year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps contemplated to remove these reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The table below gives the target and quantity of rice and wheat produced during the years 2002-03 to 2005-06:

(*Million Tonnes*)

Year	Rice		Wheat	
	Target	Production	Target	Production
2002-03	93.00	71.82	78.00	65.76
2003-04	93.00	88.53	78.00	72.15
2004-05	93.50	83.13	79.50	68.64
2005-06	87.80	91.04*	75.53	69.48*

* 4th advance estimates released on 15.07.2006